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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHANG, APIN

Examiner

Edwin C. Holloway, III

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11-19-03 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

EXAMINER'S RESPONSE

1. In response to the application filed 11-19-03, the application has been examined. The examiner has considered the presentation of claims in view of the disclosure and the present state of the prior art. And it is the examiner's opinion that the claims are unpatentable for the reasons set forth in this Office action:

Priority

2. A reference to the prior application as the first sentence(s) of the specification of this application is acknowledged, but the status of nonprovisional parent application(s) (whether patented or abandoned) should also be included. If a parent application has become a patent, the expression "now Patent No. ____" should follow the filing date of the parent application. If a parent application has become abandoned, the expression "now abandoned" should follow the filing date of the parent application.

3. Applicant is reminded that in order for a patent issuing on the instant application to obtain the benefit of priority based on priority papers filed in parent Application No. 09/851924 under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), a claim for such foreign priority must be timely made in this application. To satisfy the requirement of 37 CFR 1.55(a)(2) for a certified copy of the

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foreign application, applicant may simply identify the application containing the certified copy.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 & 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 1-2, 6-8 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kostusiak (US 5774051) in combination with Brinkmeyer (US 5940007).

Regarding claims 1 and 7, Kostusiak disclose a remote controller with casing or housing 12, control circuit including processor or microcontroller, transmit circuit 20, function key set 14/16 where the first key operated selects a function on function display unit 22-28 and the second key operated becomes the execution key to enable the processor to transmit the selected command. See figs. 1-3 and col. 3 lines 19-62.

Regarding claims 2 and 8, display 22-28 includes light emitting diodes adjacent to identifying markers included with appropriate surfaces 54. These light emitting diodes are lamps

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corresponding to page 6 lines 12 of applicant's disclosure stating that the lamps are preferably light emitting diodes. Regarding claims 6 and 12, piezoelectric horn 38 provides audible output. Kostusiak differs from the claims by not specifying a second transmit key that is user programmable.

Brinkmeyer discloses a remote controller with icon display 8/16 and preset code keys 5-6 and user programmable transmit key 7 in addition to menu key 10 and select key 11 in fig. 1 and col. 4 lines 40-65. A programming or learn mode is also provided.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included the user programmable transmit key and programming mode of Brinkmeyer in the remote controller of Kostusiak to provide a simple manner to select a transmit function in addition to sequencing through a list or menu of functions.

6. Claim 3-5 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kostusiak (US 5774051) in combination with Brinkmeyer (US 5940007) as applied above and further in view of Van Ryzin (US 6127941).

Van Ryzin discloses an analogous art remote controller with graphical user interface (GUI) including liquid crystal display (LCD) and selection keys to scroll through a menu to move a

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cursor to select an icon corresponding to a desired function.

Fig. 1a shows a box around a selection that corresponds to highlighting. See col. 3 lines 36-54.

Regarding claims 3-5 and 9-11, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included in the combination applied above the GUI with LCD and cursor or highlight of icons as disclosed in Van Ryzin to provide a user friendly interface similar to that used in a typical computer.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Drori (US 4890108), Umemoto (US 5479148), Flick (US 5739747), Furukawa (US 6243022B1), Chang (US 20020145553) and Gunsch (US 20030117261) disclose multi channel remote control transmitters.

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